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Cropsey Announces Start of Important Consumer Protection Measure

Sign-up for Do-Not-Call List Begins

LANSING — Consumers will have greater protection against telemarketer phone calls with the introduction of online registration for the national “do-not-call” list that opens on Friday, June 27, Sen. Alan Cropsey, R-DeWitt, said today.

“Consumers now have a reprieve from phone calls interrupting family time,” Cropsey said. “Controlling unwanted and unsolicited phone calls is a top concern of the families in my district, and this new list will help address their concerns.”

Consumers may link to the registration site by visiting the Senate Republican website, located at www.senate.michigan.gov/gop/, starting tomorrow morning. Registration from consumer home telephones begins on July 7. Enrollment is free.

Consumer inquiries led the Michigan Legislature to pass a bill to restrict telemarketers and create a Do- Not-Call list in 2002. Cropsey added that lawmakers recognized that a single list would provide both state and federal protection, and required the adoption of a federal list when one was created.

However, Sen. Cropsey cautioned consumers about a new wave of scams targeting the widespread interest in the “do-not-call” registry.

“Consumers should know that registration with the Federal Trade Commission is free and cannot be done through private companies,” Cropsey concluded.

For more information on how to register for the “do-not-call” list or how to avoid a “do-not-call” scam, please contact Sen. Cropsey’s office at (517) 373-3760.

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